AGRICULTURE - DATE SPECIALIST

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 3, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda

Your Highness:

Enclosed herewith is the completed report on "Date Varieties of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia in Relation to Cultural Practices" by Mr. Roy W. Nixon, Date Specialist, U. S. Date Gardens, Indio, California.

This cooperative study was made to determine the varieties of dates which should receive the greatest attention by date growers. It is my opinion that this study is worthy of careful consideration by all date producers, those who plan to establish date gardens, and by the Ministry of Agriculture in its research and extension programs of work.

I hope you will enjoy reading the results of Mr. Nixon's work, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

February 10, 1954

Mr. Roy W. Nixon, Horticulturist
U. S. Date Garden
Indio, California

Dear Roy:

I have your letter of January 29 and am glad to know of the progress you have made. We are not moving rapidly as yet. We have been so short of secretarial assistance that there was no chance to have your report typed. However, another young lady was employed this week so I'm going to get the work started.

Concerning the draft of the "Date Varieties of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia", I am writing to Mr. Bolster requesting that FAS take care of necessary expenses to get this part of your survey published and that the two of you work out the details. I shall look forward to receiving the manuscript on "Date Culture in Saudi Arabia". It is my plan to have it published here at Jidda. Have it typed under the same arrangement with Mr. Bolster so that expense can be provided.

The Department of Agriculture has been raised to a Ministry, but it now appears that the Ministry will not be in position to make any decisions until its budget is approved some time next month.

Mrs. Edens and others of the Mission join in best wishes to you and Mrs. Nixon.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

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Date Specialist

US Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

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November 22, 1953

Dear Paul:

This letter concerns the date study which is being made in Saudi Arabia by Mr. Roy W. Nixon, Date Specialist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His six-month tour of duty will end December 16, 1953, and he is to return to his work at the Date Experiment Station, Indio, California, by that time.

The study report to be submitted by Mr. Nixon prior to returning to the States will comply with the objectives set up for this study. However, Mr. Nixon took the opportunity to collect other data concerning date varieties and culture while in the field, and he is offering to write an additional report on this basic data collected which will be important to the Saudi Arabian Government's Department of Agriculture in its efforts to work with date growers. Also, Mr. Nixon has agreed to write an elementary pamphlet on date culture in Saudi Arabia to be used for instructional purposes provided his tour of duty can be extended. It is estimated that he can make the supplementary research report and write the pamphlet in six weeks' time.

I am requesting that Mr. Nixon's tenure be extended six weeks beyond December 16, 1953. The work will be performed at his home in Indio, California, and the financial consideration will consist of only his salary and a small amount for some photography development and pencil illustrations for the date pamphlet. Please take this matter up with Mr. H. G. Bolster of FAS (USDA) so that arrangements can be made for Mr. Nixon's work to continue without an interim.

You will be interested to know that a date specialist has been included in our 1955 budget. We feel it is very important to follow up the work Mr. Nixon has started by carrying his findings and recommendations into practice.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Mr. Paul F. Taggart,
Chief, Iraq-Jordan-Saudi Arabia Branch, NEADS,
Foreign Operations Administration,
Washington 25, D. C.

(Sent via APO 11-23-53)

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U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

November 1, 1953

Mr. Roy W. Nixon
Date Specialist
American Consulate
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Roy:

The agricultural party is just back from their extended trip. The men were glad to have the opportunity to talk with you concerning date problems and the work you are doing.

I plan to come to Dhahran Saturday, November 7th. At that time we can talk over the matters you have written about. I should like to see Mr. Carlson. If you will pass the word on to him I shall appreciate it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
October 1, 1953

Mr. Roy W. Nixon
Date Specialist
American Consulate
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Roy:

This Mission is certainly due you an apology for keeping the system of payments to you thoroughly mixed up. My letter of September 14, with copies of the authorized travel orders (Form FS-381), was to take care of payment matters. Surely you must have the letter by this day. However, the telegram of September 26 should suffice until you receive the letter.

Mr. Robert C. Mancure, FAS, is interested in knowing what results were obtained with the propagating material of Morocean "Medjahoal" dates which Dr. Swingle arranged to send out to Saudi Arabia through ARAMCO in about 1943 or 1944. He states that the material is no longer available from Morocco because of disease there. If you can help him, Mancure would be glad to hear from you.

I hope your study is progressing as you would have it. A letter to serve as a report up to date will be appreciated. I am now writing the September activity report.

Messrs. H. E. Schwan, Otis Parker and C. Verne Stewart are leaving Jidda October 2 on an extended trip to central Saudi Arabia and along the Persian Gulf from El Kharj to Qatif. They plan to be in Dhahran and Hofuf the latter part of the month - possibly between the 18th and 25th. As indicated in my letter of September 14, I should be glad for you to make your station wagon available for two or three days if your work will permit. I want them to take a good look at Hofuf. Mr. Stewart probably will be located there to work with Mr. Husseini. Anything you can do to steer them around will be appreciated.

Best wishes in your work.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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DATE: October 1, 1953

American Consulate, Dhahran

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Edens will not accompany Parker party due arrive Dhahran about October 18.

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DATE: September 26, 1953

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For Bishop. Reference your telegrams 65, 74 and 80. Did not reply as Mions airmailed Wiron letter September 14 explaining copies of new travel order enclosed to serve as authorization for reimbursement covering August and subsequent months. Meanwhile payment may be made against Appropriation 72-112/4109 (10) Allotment C 401470, Obligation Number 10 for per diem and Obligation Number 4 for incidental expenses. Please advise when new travel order received.

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cc: Dr. Edens
Mr. McCullars
Mr. Bode

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FROM: DHAHRAN

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

August 31, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. John Bode, Controller

FROM: W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Reimbursing Mr. Roy W. Nixon for Per Diem while in Jidda

You will recall that Mr. Nixon was requested to delay turning in a voucher for reimbursement for per diem while in Jidda until a per diem rate for Jidda was fixed by the Director.

Mr. Nixon arrived at Jidda July 6, 1953, at 6:00 PM, and left Jidda July 11 at 5:30 AM. I have a signed voucher by Mr. Nixon to be filled in when you are ready to have it presented.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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August 30, 1953

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Your letter of August 3 was received August 23rd. The letters of August 14 and 15 were received five days ago. We were very glad to hear from you and to know your work is progressing. However, I note you are having some difficulties which I hope will soon be worked out.

Enclosed you will note a letter to Mr. Bishop relative to reimbursement for incidental expenses. This should enable you to get all payments there at the Consulate. I am returning the typed sheet entitled "Itinerary of Roy W. Nixon" so you will have a record of expenses to be submitted at the Consulate. But I am keeping the signed voucher, Form No. 286, which you enclosed to me, to be used in submitting your per diem account for the stay in Jidda. A letter will go to Mr. Bode (now on vacation) requesting that you be reimbursed on the basis of the per diem established for Jidda by the Country Director. You arrived at Jidda July 6, at 6:00 P.M., and left Jidda July 11 at 5:30 A.M., according to your itinerary record.

I have talked to Sadek Husseini, TCA-SAG Liaison Officer, relative to your gasoline experience. He is checking with Adwan, who is over here, to have him wire his office to furnish the gas.

The times of your arrival and leaving Dhahran should give the Consulate sufficient information to compute per diem at $18 per day. It will be necessary to deduct the amount - 20% I believe - for being furnished lodging.

The box of films was forwarded to you by MATS in care of the Consulate more than two weeks ago. I see no reason why you should not have received them before you wrote.

The next time you are at Hofuf, check on the living quarters the Government is building for you. If nothing is being done, have Husseini probe the Minister of Finance representative at Hofuf.

Mr. Roy W. Nixon,
American Consulate,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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Things are moving along as usual here at headquarters. Funds made available to Saudi Arabia by the TCA/W office were somewhat more than anticipated. So, we are in the process of attempting to make plans for the current year. A new Country Director is scheduled to arrive the latter part of September. His name is Harland J. Corson.

As I recall, you were to give me a monthly report on activities. The letters will suffice this time. I am required to make a report each month to be submitted on the last day of the month. If you could get your report to me by the 25th of each month it will be of assistance in reporting activities, problems, etc.

Best wishes, and be assured that we are very interested in the work you are performing.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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Cy of ltr to Mr. Max Bishop, dtd Aug. 27, 1953.
Itinerary of Roy W. Nixon (July 6 through July 31, 1953).

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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August 12, 1953

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Your telegram of yesterday requesting authorization and allotment number of travel and per diem rate for Jidda was received.

My letter and enclosures to you of August 1 furnished the information you need, however, I presume "Field Travel Authorization" Form FS-381 is at Muhasin. I am enclosing additional copies addressed to you at the Consulate.

Unless notified otherwise, I shall forward all communications to you at the American Consulate. A copy of my letter to you on August 1 is herewith enclosed.

Mr. Bode, TCA Comptroller, states that you should withhold requesting per diem in Jidda until you receive travel authorization which includes Jidda. This authorization, as I understand, will be provided a little later.

How is your work progressing? I should be glad to hear from you. Mr. Moon made such a quick trip over and back to see about his personal effects and matters, I had little time to talk with him. I trust you received the materials Mr. Moon brought back to you including your travel authorization from Indio and return.

Best wishes to you and members of the Consulate.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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dated August 1, 1953
3 copies Field Travel Authorization
TCA Number 2 dated July 15, 1953

Mr. Roy W. Nixon,
American Consulate - TCA,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

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DATE: August 10, 1953

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FROM: DHAHRAN

For Edens from Nixon.

In order receive payment Congen Dhahran, request appropriation number and allotment under which my travel reimbursement will be made and per diem rate applying against my orders while in Jidda

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

August 10, 1953

REPORT ON TRIP TO DHAHRAN, DAMMAM, QATIF, HOFUF AND EL KHARJ TO ORIENT MR. R. W. NIXON, DATE SPECIALIST, IN THE AREA WHERE HE WILL WORK DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS

W. J. Edens - July 27, 1953

Mr. Nixon and I left Jidda by plane the morning of July 11, 1953, and arrived in Dhahran that afternoon about 2:00 o'clock. Being without transportation facilities, and the American Consulate not having been notified of our arrival, Mr. Noel, Vice Consul General, was kind enough to come for us. We visited briefly with Mr. Max Bishop, Consul General, and Mr. Noel obtained permission from ARAMCO for us to lodge at Steineke Hall. Arrangements were made to visit on the following day H.H. Amir Saud ibn Abdullah ibn Jiluwi of Al Hasa and H.E. Shaikh Abdullah ibn Adwan, Assistant Deputy Finance Minister for the Province of Al Hasa.

Later in the afternoon we visited with Mr. William Eltesti, Director of Industrial and Agricultural Relations - ARAMCO. He stated that he would be glad to cooperate in the date study wherever he could, and that the El Kharj farm was planning to send one of their Arab assistant farm managers, Abdullah Aziz, to work with Mr. Nixon and learn all he could in order to care for the 280 acres of date palms on the El Kharj farms.

That evening I went to the Air Base hospital and visited Mr. Thomas J. Moon, TCA agricultural technician, who became ill while driving Agricultural Division vehicles from Jidda to El Kharj. The Base Surgeon General, Colonel Howell, stated to me that the accident Mr. Moon experienced was very serious, and could have easily caused the loss of his life.

July 12th

H.H. Amir Saud ibn Abdullah ibn Jiluwi became ill during the previous night and was unable to see Mr. Nixon and me. Our Consul General advised that we not attempt to make further contacts or visit date gardens until the next day. Mr. Noel came by to visit with us and Mr. Moon was visited later in the day.

July 13th

Mr. Noel, Vice Consul General, accompanied us to see H.H. Amir ibn Jiluwi and Shaikh Adwan. Both are interested in getting some practical work started in Al Hasa. It was arranged for Mr. Hussaini Bodiwi to

accompany us to Qatif to survey the date situation during the remainder of the day. He came for us at 4:30 P.M. Due to the extreme heat in the summer little or nothing is done between noon and 5:00 P.M. Several date gardens were visited. None of the dates were over-ripe for study.

Earlier in the day, I talked by phone with Dr. R. H. Daggy (ARAMCO) concerning health precautions in Eastern Saudi Arabia. A commercial poultryman, Mr. Tofik Abdo, of Dammam, came to see me about some of his problems. I promised to have Mr. Parker visit with him in the near future. Mr. Abdo has 700 birds and sells eggs to ARAMCO and in Dammam.

Requests were made to Shaikh Adwan, when visiting with him, that transportation to and return from El Kharj, and gasoline and oil for Mr. Nixon be furnished. Adwan suggested that he have the Jeep station wagon and Power Wagon shipped by rail to Dhahran, since the trail between El Kharj and Hofuf (250 miles) was very bad driving. We readily agreed. The order was to be given immediately.

July 14th

Mr. Hussaini Bodiwi came by at 8:00 A.M. and took us to the Royal Farm of Dammam to see date varieties there and then on to see more extensive areas in Qatif. Later we came back by Dammam to get the railway tickets and police passes necessary to go from Dhahran to El Kharj. Later in the afternoon we attempted to get a thermos jug at the air base, but were not successful. Bought one at Al Khobar. There were only two rolls of black and white films at the air base. Mr. Nixon purchased these. Upon returning to Dhahran we visited Dr. Daggy and obtained malarial pills, water pills, insect repellents, mosquito nets, Aerosol bombs, etc. Also, during the day, I requested that Mr. Nixon be permitted to lodge and get meals at ARAMCO's camp at Muhassin, 5 kilos from Hofuf.

In the evening we visited Mr. Moon at the hospital.

July 15th

We left Dhahran by rail at 7:30 A.M. and arrived at El Kharj at 2:10 P.M. At 3:30 Mr. Joe Clark, Acting Manager of El Kharj farms, accompanied us to see their date gardens. The temperature was 115 degrees. Dates here were not as advanced as in Qatif. We learned that no order had been received from Shaikh Adwan to ship the vehicles to Dhahran.

July 16th

I requested Mr. Clark, when talking to the ARAMCO office that morning, to have them contact the American Consulate and request that they see Adwan about the vehicles shipped. This was done. Adwan promised to see that the matter was taken care of immediately. At 8:00 A.M. we were accompanied by Mr. Rex McAnalley, assistant farm manager, and Abdullah Aziz, to make a brief survey of all the dates. Late in the afternoon we visited native palm gardens.

July 17th

We were to return to Dhahran this date, but the train was delayed for one day. Mr. Nixon and Abdullah Aziz studied date trees and I accompanied Mr. Joe Clark to the south farm, about 30 miles, to see about caterpillars that were destroying the alfalfa. The temperature on this trip reached 117½ degrees.

Mr. Clark made arrangements with an ARAMCO drilling crew that was going to Dhahran to drive our Jeep station wagon through and leave it at Steineke Hall. This appeared to be the only means of having a car for Mr. Nixon to use. Everyone advised us against trying to drive the vehicles through.

July 18th

We left by rail for Dhahran at 9:00 A.M. Arrived at Dhahran at about 4:15 P.M. Upon arrival at Steineke Hall it was learned that the Jeep station wagon had not been delivered to the desk clerk.

July 19th

Mr. George H. Patterson, drilling superintendent for the El Kharj area, was finally located, but he did not know where the Jeep station wagon had been left. He and I went to locate it but we were unsuccessful. About an hour later the car was found parked in front of Steineke Hall. In the meantime I had arranged with Adwan's office to have Mr. Nixon taken to the Qatif date gardens to obtain samples of dates.

The Jeep station wagon had three sand tires and a mud tire on it. The fourth sandtire was missing. The well driller who drove the car to Dhahran had gone to Bahrain Islands on a two-day vacation. Mr. Patterson could not locate the missing sand tire. I spent the next half day going to Khobar in an attempt to locate a tire, tube and wheel. The heat was almost unbearable, but I wanted us to leave for Hofuf the next day.

While in Khobar I was to get some plain glass to be used by Mr. Nixon in photographing, and have it cut to exact measure. I finally had to return to the shop where I was having the Jeep serviced and get a guide to locate the shop that sold glass. The glass shop did not cut glass, so I had to hunt up a carpenter shop. The glass measurement was in millimeters and the carpenter shop had no meter stick. Not remembering the exact number of inches to the meter I was forced to hunt up a meter stick. I could not locate one in two hardware stores, so I drove back to Dhahran to get a steel meter tape.

During the day I checked with Mr. Eltesti again and he had made arrangements for Mr. Nixon to stay at the Muhassein Camp near Hofuf. This proved to be very fortunate as this report shows later.

July 20th

At 8:00 o'clock I went to Mr. Eltesti's office to radio phone Joe

Clark at El Kharj about the missing tire. He stated that it was on the station wagon. Mr. Eltesti called several places and located the tire at the repair shop. A hole had been knocked in it by a rock and was not worth repairing. Eltesti said ARAMCO would sell me a tire and tube. The process began and by 1:15 P.M. I finally emerged with a new tire and tube on the station wagon. Consequently, we did not get off to Hofuf.

Mr. Clark phoned back and stated that Abdullah Aziz was going to drive the power wagon through to Dhahran. Would come along with others.

A trip was made to the airport to see about returning to Jidda on Thursday, the 23rd, and to see if I could be picked up at Hofuf. No space was available and the plane would not stop at Hofuf. I managed to get my name on the Sunday manifest.

July 22nd

We traveled by Jeep station wagon to Hofuf. Arrived at the Muhassin Camp about 2:30 P.M. Mr. Saleh Akks, government liaison for ARAMCO, had arranged for us to see H.H. Amir Abdul Muhsin Abdullah ibn Jiluwi of Hofuf at 6:30 P.M. However, when we arrived at the palace the Amir had left to go to Dammam to see his ill brother off on a plane to Germany.

The Agriculture Department counterpart who was to work with Mr. Nixon had not arrived, and I had learned indirectly that the Agricultural expert, Ibrihim Husseini of Hofuf, was to serve as counterpart. He is now living at the defunct experiment station.

July 23rd

Mr. Nixon and I went to the experiment station about 7:30 to contact Mr. Husseini. We found him living there, but the SAO has not furnished the living quarters, nor has it completed the place where Mr. Nixon is to stay. It is very fortunate that he is able to stay at Camp Muhassin where the food is good and rooms are air conditioned.

We discussed date growing in Hofuf with Mr. Husseini as well as agriculture as a whole. It is quite obvious that Point 4 should station a man at Hofuf and Qatif as soon as they can be obtained and serviced. The old experiment station buildings have many possibilities when looking to the future. The suitability of the land is a big question. Soil testing and analyses should be made at an early date. Mosquitoes are numerous at this place in the evening. There are no signs of them in the daytime.

I had the opportunity to ride back in a truck to Abqaiq in the afternoon. Since no one was going Friday, and I could not find anyone who was going to Abqaiq on Saturday, I decided to come to Abqaiq and on to Dhahran.

July 24th

Wrote reports.

July 25th

A trip was made to the hospital to see Mr. Moon and to confer with Dr. Howell, Surgeon General of the Dhahran Air Base. Mr. Moon is not recovering from the accident as quickly as the doctor thinks he should. Dr. Howell stated that it may be necessary to send him back to the States.

A visa was obtained to return to Jidda. By telephone, I talked to Shaikh Adwan in Dammam concerning gas and oil supplies for Mr. Nixon at Hofuf and Dammam, the completion of living quarters for Mr. Nixon at Hofuf, and arranged a meeting with the Qatif agricultural expert. A visit was made to the ARAMCO Research Laboratory for the purpose of obtaining some date literature translations and information on rainfall in Al Hasa. After lunch Mr. Eltesti called to tell me the Dodge power wagon had broken down on the way to Dhahran, and that it would require a new radiator and two fanbelts. The vehicle was abandoned about 175 kilometers north of El Kharj near Ain Harth. Consequently, it was necessary to to to Al Khaba and look for a radiator and two fanbelts. The same were delivered to Mr. Eltesti, who promised to see that they were transported to Ain Harth at the next passing. ARAMCO has played a major contributory role in everything Point 4 has undertaken in Eastern Saudi Arabia.

July 26th

Returned to Jidda.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

August 9, 1953

Mr. Max Bishop
Consul General
American Consulate
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Bishop:

This is a belated attempt to tell you how much I appreciate your, Mr. Noel's and other's assistance when in Al Hasa last. Services rendered were most valuable.

Via Mr. Moon, I understand Mr. Nixon is in the Dammam-Qatif area again. It will be necessary for him to jump about from time to time due to the ripening of the dates. We are very glad of your permission for him to room there at the Consulate.

I succeeded in buying a radiator for the power wagon stranded at Ain Harth. Mr. Eltisti thought he would be able to get it on up to your Compound. When it does arrive, I should appreciate your dropping me a note to that effect.

You and Mr. Noel must come over and visit with us some time. In this part of the world that is about the only way you can get even with a fellow.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

August 3, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Lodging for Mr. Roy W. Nixon

When last discussing lodging with you for Mr. Roy W. Nixon, date specialist, you stated that the Minister of Finance was having the extra rooms north of the main lodging building at the defunct experiment station repaired and equipped for his use.

I accompanied Mr. Nixon to Hofuf last week to see that he got located and started in his work. The rooms at the experiment station were not ready for living purposes and their preparation seems to be progressing very slowly. Under emergency conditions ARAMCO is letting Mr. Nixon live at Camp Muhassin which is located close to Hofuf.

We respectfully request that you take this matter up again with the Minister of Finance and arrange to have the rooms completed and equipped for Mr. Nixon at the earliest date possible.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia

August 2, 1953

Mr. Joe Clark
Manager, El Kharj Farms
ARAMCO
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Joe:

Again, I should like to tell you how much Mr. Nixon and I enjoyed our visit with you and associates. Your efforts to see that Mr. Nixon had the opportunity to make a quick survey of dates on your farms and in that area were appreciated.

Mr. Nixon is now located at Camp Muhassin near Hofuf. I assume that Abdul Aziz is with him by this time.

The tire we talked to you about blew out on the way up. And the afternoon before I left Dhahran Mr. Eltesti informed me about the power wagon radiator trouble. I am sorry so much misfortune had to come at one time when everyone was extending himself to help us. I purchased a radiator and two belts, and Mr. Eltesti is sending the same by the next passage, and repairs will be made near Ain Harth. Anything you can do to help us get the power wagon on to the American Consulate Compound will be appreciated.

Concerning the repairs and servicing of the two vehicles, I should appreciate it if you will make a listing of the various items and their costs and forward the same to me. A check for this will be forwarded.

With best wishes to you, Mrs. Clark and others there, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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Date: July 21, 1953

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FROM: ROME

For Edens from Roy Nixon

Arrive Jidda July 6 from Beirut. Hamilton says car still at Riyadh. Suggest you accompany me Riyadh Al Kharj last.

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Date: June 26, 1953
Control: TECTO 21
Recd: June 27, 1953

FROM: SECSTATE WASHINGTON

Sent Jidda TECTO 21 repeated Rome 4900 Dhahran 267 (signed Dulles) from Department

From Agriculture TOTEC 13 Roy Nixon date specialist ETA Rome June 27 via Flight 297 to confer with V H W Dowson FAO . Leaving Rome June 29 via TWA 902. ETA Dhahran Saudi Arabia June 30 to confer J G Hamilton Aramco. Space Rome to Dhahran not confirmed. Appreciate Embassy Rome do all possible arrange conference Dowson and help secure space. Date ETA Jidda open. Make necessary arrangements.

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June 23, 1953

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FROM: SECSTATE WASHINGTON

Following equipment and supplies essential NIXON project and must be available as soon as he arrives:

50 rolls No. 120 plus X film

1 doz rolls No. 120 Ektachrome film

4 doz rolls 20 exposure 35 mm Kodachrome film; Weston or comparable light meter

Nixon bringing other equipment. Advise

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

June 20, 1953

Mr. J. G. Hamilton
Agricultural Consultant
ARAMCO
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Guy:

We received a message last Thursday stating that Nixon would arrive in Jidda July 1st. The same day I cabled back the following:

> Made arrangements Hamilton orient Nixon in Al Hasa area. Hamilton leaves July 2 European trip. If possible have Nixon arrive directly Dhahran several days before Hamilton's departure. Otherwise have Nixon arrive Jidda.

I am sorry Mr. Nixon's arrival has been delayed, and I hope he can have a few days with you. Also, I hope you have been able to arrange living accommodations at the Hofuf camp, or at least until Mr. Carlson arrives and something can be worked out at the old experiment station.

A jeep station wagon and a Dodge power wagon will be sent to El Kharj. I plan to have them on the road by June 26. Mr. Moon will be in charge. Should Mr. Nixon not arrive before you and Mrs. Hamilton leave Dhahran, I shall go with him to El Kharj and on to Dhahran, Qatif and Hofuf. Let's hope he will come a few days early.

Again, let me thank you and others of ARAMCO for your interest in date improvement work. I feel confident that much good will come from Mr. Nixon's efforts.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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Date Study

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

June 20, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini
Director, Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

RE: Request for personnel to accompany Thomas J. Moon on trip to El Kharj

You will recall my discussion with you relative to transporting vehicles to El Kharj to be used by Mr. Nixon. Mr. Moon plans to leave about June 25th and he will need a minimum of two men to accompany him. One should be a driver-interpreter and the other a guard or a cook. Your cooperation in supplying these two men at the above mentioned time will be appreciated. You may wish to talk to Mr. Moon regarding arrangements.

Also, I should appreciate your arranging for Mr. Moon to obtain gasoline while enroute should he need same.

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Excerpt from Letter of June 15 from Crawford to Edens (OFAR)

June 15, 1953

Dr. McCown (TCA) told us yesterday afternoon about receipt of WIROM 59, dated June 9, from Jidda, expressing the importance of Mr. Nixon arriving in Jidda by June 20. Here we come against a new situation that promises to slow up operations on getting men shippedo out in a hurry. We refer to the new Executive Order No. 10450. Any candidate not fully cleared on security and loyalty prior to May 28 is not to be permitted to leave for his assignment until such full clearance has been obtained.

We have reason to believe that a waiver may be granted on this in rare exceptions and to meet extremely urgent situations. It will be up to us to see to it that possibility is not overworked. I think you can appreciate what I mean. Nevertheless, Director Short had already sent a memorandum on June 9, prior to receipt of WIROM 59, asking for a waiver on Mr. Nixon. We realized how very urgent is his arrival in Jidda.

Mr. Beasley has indicated he will push the Nixon case in this connection. We think we may have an answer on it by tonight or tomorrow morning. Presumably a cable will be despatched on the matter which you will have before you get this letter.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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June 11, 1953

Dear Mr. Bolster:

In reply to your letter of May 27 relative to the assignment of personnel, I wish to state that all personnel should be assigned to Jidda. Our program is not sufficiently developed to make region assignments. This will come when sufficient personnel arrives to get work under way.

We are looking forward to the coming of Mr. Parker. He will arrive at a time when it is really hot. The Ramadan period is just about over, but the Pilgrimage will soon get under way and will last for three months or more. I understand that everything moves very slowly during the hot summer months. We will keep going, but you can't get out of step too much.

Mr. J. G. Hamilton (ARAMCO) was over to see us yesterday. He is going to help relative to providing living accommodations for Mr. Nixon, as well as work some with him.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

Mr. H. G. Bolster,
Head, Middle East & Eastern Europe Div.,
FAS, U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dr.Edens

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

June 9, 1953

Your Excellency:

This has reference to my letter addressed to you March 17, 1953, requesting your approval of TCA employing a date specialist, and your Order No. 5046 issued 11/7/72 giving country clearance for the aforementioned specialist.

A date specialist has been employed and he is expected to arrive in Jidda the latter part of June. The object of this technician's work will be to improve standards of date production in Saudi Arabia by:

1. Identifying the most important commercial varieties in given production areas.

2. Instructing Saudi agriculturists in the identification of such varieties.

3. Encourage farmers to plant offshoots from the identified varieties.

4. Give general instructions in improved methods of propagation and the culture of dates.

In order that the Saudi Arabian Government may profit most by work of the date specialist, it is appropriate under the provisions of the Agriculture Agreement that the host government provide one or more government counterparts to work with him. This person, or persons, should be carefully selected as to training and experience in the field of agriculture, and with the idea that he will become better qualified to provide leadership in the culture of dates.

Your cooperation with the Department of Agriculture in providing the appropriate personnel to work with our date specialist will be appreciated.

I have the honor to be, Your Excellency,

Very truly yours,

John A. Dunaway
Acting U. S. Director of
Technical Cooperation in
Saudi Arabia

Copy to Shaikh Ahmed Obaid,
Director General of Agriculture

H.E. The Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,
Jidda.

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Sent to S.Husseini for translation and transmission 6/9/53

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

June 7, 1953

TO: Mr. John A. Stacy
Acting Executive Officer

FROM: William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Transportation accommodations for Mr. Roy W. Nixon in Al Hasa

A minimum of two vehicles is needed by Mr. Nixon in the Al Hasa area -- a jeep station wagon and one power wagon. Both should be equipped with sand tires.

Mr. Dunaway had Glen Brown turn over to Agriculture the jeep station wagon which he stated had been loaned to Natural Resources. This was done but the sand tires were removed and the vehicle was stripped of tools, jack, pump, lug wrench, rear-view mirror and one windshield wiper. A requisition is being typed to replace these items.

Since Brown does not expect to use the four new power wagons recently arrived until next fall, one of these might be exchanged for one of those now in transit for Agriculture. Not much time is left to make plans and transport the vehicle to Dhahran. Therefore, I shall appreciate you letting me know what arrangement can be made.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

June 4, 1953

TO: John A. Dunaway, Acting U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

FROM: W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Living Accommodations for Mr. Nixon in Al Hasa.

You will recall my suggestion about two weeks ago that someone be sent to Al Hasa to arrange living accommodations at Hofuf for Mr. Nixon. At that time it was your opinion that arrangements could be made without making a trip.

I have talked with ARAMCO officials here about the possibility of Nixon staying at an ARAMCO camp about 21 kilometers from the main village of Hofuf. Mr. Jim Knight is looking into the matter. He suggested an alternative of staying with the Amir as a guest or at a hotel near the airport. I don't think this is advisable.

A memorandum was directed to Mr. Husseini requesting that he assist in locating suitable housing for Mr. Nixon. Yesterday he stated that he had requested the Deputy Finance Minister to make arrangements for living quarters at the old experiment station near Hofuf. I do not know what this will produce, since TCA is now supposed to furnish housing for technicians. Unless the host government moves faster than I think, it is my opinion that someone will have to hire local labor and supervise the repair of quarters at the experiment station sufficiently to house Nixon, and then purchase the necessary furniture and equipment. The ARAMCO Camp should be the best deal if we can get them sufficiently interested. It is air conditioned.

It is my plan for Mr. Nixon to spend some of his time in Qatif, and he could spend the first few days there since he can stay at Senieke Hall. However, the dates will be maturing at Hofuf and will need attention. This means that he will need living accommodations in both areas.

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PROJECT AGREEMENT #___
UNDER
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AGREEMENT
FOR IMPROVING THE PRODUCTION OF DATES

This Project Agreement is entered into between the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the Minister of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister"), and the Government of the United States of America, represented by the American Ambassador and the United States Director of Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia, (hereinafter referred to as the "Director"), pursuant to the Technical Cooperation Program Agreement between the two Governments dated November 10, 1952.

The Problem and Objective

Dates constitute the most important crop produced in Saudi Arabia. This fruit is also an important part of the diet of a large part of the population and accounts for a considerable part of the Kingdom's export trade. The date palm grows widely throughout the country due to the fact that it will thrive in soils where the concentration of salts in sail water is relatively high.

Hundreds of varieties of dates are grown in Saudi Arabia. Some of these are of much more commercial importance than others. Since it takes many years to prove the commercial value of a variety, it is advisable that much attention be given to planting by obtaining offshoots from the best varieties. This selection is of further importance since it takes as much labor, equipment, plant food, and

management to grow inferior varieties as it takes to grow superior varities.

The objective of this project is to improve standards of date production in Saudi Arabia by:

1. Identifying the most important commercial varities in given production areas,
2. Instructing Saudi agriculturists in the identification of such varieties,
3. Encouraging farmers to plant offshoots from the identified varieties,
4. Give general instructions in improved methods of propogation and the culture of dates.

Plan of Operation

To the extent of personnel, supplies, materials and funds provided pursuant to this Project Agreement, and for the purpose of accomplishing the objective set forth above, the following plan of operation is hereto agreed:

1. The Technical Cooperation Administration shall provide:
   a) The services of a technician in date culture who will supply technical and administrative direction to the work,
   b) Equipment, materials and apparatus for demonstration purposes not produced or manufactured in Saudi Arabia.
   The amount of this equipment and materials will be determined by the Minister and Director when the occasion arises for their need.

2. The Saudi Arabian Government shall provide:

a) At least one (preferably 2 or 3) agriculturists to serve as Government counterparts to the TCA date technician so that in the execution of the Project Agreement, Saudi representatives will be further trained to carry on a continuous program of improving the standards of date production,

b) Living accommodations and means of transport for any or all Saudi counterparts,

c) Petroleum products required for travel by the TCA technicians

d) Local labor and materials required at given times for demonstration purposes.

Upon completion or termination of this Project Agreement, any property provided by funds or services of the Project Agreement may be diverted by mutual agreement to another project or become the property of the Project Agreement area with the authority of its use vested in a responsible Community Agency representing the interests of farmers. If there be no such area agency, the property will be disposed of pursuant to arrangements agreed upon between the Minister and the Director.

Administration

This Project will be administered by the Minister and the Director or by their mutually agreed to designated representatives. They shall be responsible for its execution, the control of expenditures and services, maintenance of accounts and records and furnish reports in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Effective Date and Continuation

This Project Agreement shall become effective when signed. ~~by the Minister and Director~~. It shall continue for a period of six months. At the end of this period, and it is deemed necessary, the Project may be continued by written amendment to this Project Agreement.

In Witness Whereof the parties hereto have caused this Project Agreement to be approved at Jidda, Saudi Arabia, on_____.

_____	_____
American Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Minister of Finance Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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U. S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia	

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Suggested to Dr. Edens as Example 6/4/53 D George.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Mr. J. G. Hamilton
Agricultural Consultant
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Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

June 3, 1953

Dear Guy:

Since you did not arrive in Jidda yesterday, I hope nothing of any consequence has happened. We were going to have you eat some gazelle with us. However, that can wait.

I was interested in discussing living accommodations for Nixon, and we appreciate the efforts you have made in this connection. If Nixon could stay at ARAMCO's camp near Hofuf to begin with, I believe he and Carlson could work out something satisfactory at the old experiment station. The matter has been discussed with Mr. Barger and Jim Knight, and they are investigating the matter and are to let me know. Thank you for talking to Mr. Bishop and Mr. Eltiste, and the privilege of using Steineke Hall and the Consulate guest room.

I shall talk to Mr. Husseini about the interpreter from the El Kharj Farms. I do not have his name, but it will be fine if he can work with Nixon. Mr. Husseini should be able to get this matter arranged. I am encouraging the Department of Agriculture to provide more than one counterpart.

We have no further data on Nixon's arrival. It is my plan to get him into the field immediately, and I want him to confer with you when he comes.

I hope this finds you well and that you will be over soon.

Sincerely,

William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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Date Specialist

Excerpt from Letter June 1, 1953, from Bolster, OFAR, to Edens

Date Specialist -- Roy Nixon is being recruited for this assignment.

Date Specialist File 1

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1953

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini
Director, Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

RE: Host Government Counterpart Personnel to work with Roy W. Nixon, Date Specialist

When talking last with Mr. Abdulla Dabbag, Assistant Director of Agriculture, he promised to select a government representative to work with Mr. Nixon. It is important that the person selected for this training be one who will continue in service of the Agricultural Department, and who will serve as a leader in date culture.

During my last visit at Al Kharj, Mr. Frank Brookshire stated he had an employee whom he would like to work with Mr. Nixon. If two men could be assigned to work with Mr. Nixon, that would be fine.

Your cooperation in helping with the selection of qualified men will be appreciated.

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Date Specialist

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1953

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini
Director, Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: William J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

RE: Housing for Roy W. Nixon, Date Specialist

We are expecting Mr. Nixon to arrive in Jidda about June 15 - 20. Therefore, it is necessary that consideration be given to living accommodations in the Hofuf area.

Your cooperation in helping locate and provide housing and other essential living conditions for Mr. Nixon will be appreciated. We will want to give attention to convenience to where he will work as well as to comfortable sleeping quarters, appropriate food, and water supply.

The present plan is for Mr. Nixon to be in Saudi Arabia about six months.

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ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
May 25, 1953

Dr. W.J. Edens
Chief, Agricultural Division
Technical Cooperation Administration
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Dear Bill:

I was very glad to hear that Nixon had been appointed and would be leaving Washington around June 15th.

Although I did my best, it was impossible to work out his housing as I had planned. I have talked the problem over with Mr. Bishop and he has offered the Consulate guest room for Nixon's use, with the understanding that he will move when the room is needed for the accomodation of visitors. Mr. Eltiste says that for these temporary periods he can arrange for Nixon to live at Steineke Hall. Eltiste expects to have an office in Dammam which he will use for a part of the time. He says that there is ample room and that Nixon will be welcome to share this office with him, should he need some office space.

Dammam is growing rapidly, and if you and Nixon think that Dammam is preferable to the housing accomodations I have indicated, you will have no trouble in finding a place for him there.

As I told you at Al Kharj, the Al Kharj Farms will provide an interpreter. Mr. Brookshier, however, will expect you to arrange with the Government for his expenses, which will include railroad transportation to and from Al Kharj once a month for this man to spend a couple of days with his family. This man is being provided with the idea that he will receive training that will help qualify him for the management of the Al Kharj date gardens.

If Nixon reports to Jeddah, I trust that you do not hold him too long because I would like to see him before I leave on my vacation on July 2nd.

My tentative plans are to go to Jeddah on June 2nd and return on the 3rd. If you or Mr. Dunaway will not be there at that time, will appreciate your letting me know.

Sincerely,

J.G. Hamilton

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May 15, 1953.

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

April 13, 1953

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Walter O. Olson, Acting Assistant Administrator, NEADS, TCA

FROM: Mr. John A. Dunaway, Acting U.S. Director of Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: TCA-17 - Overseas Employee Request - Date Specialist

Enclosed is Form TCA-17 - Overseas Employee Request for a Date Specialist for the Agriculture Division, TCA-Jidda.

John A. Dunaway
Acting U. S. Director of
Technical Cooperation in
Saudi Arabia

Enclosure:
Form TCA-17 (in quad)

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IV. PROGRAM

Agriculture: Dr. Edens has returned from Al Hasa where he conferred with Guy Hamilton as well as important Saudi officials. He has recommended that steps be taken to secure the services of a date specialist for a period of about six months beginning about June first. We are telegraphing today requesting the aid of Mr. Ray Nixon of the U. S. Date Gardens, India, California, and hope that his assignment can be arranged. Mr. Nixon is reputed to be tops in this field, and we have reason to believe he would accept the assignment.

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Letter from Bolster to Edens 4/17/53.

Activity authorization and TCA Form 17 for the date specialist have not come in yet. In accordance with cable from Jidda we contacted Mr. Roy M. Nixon of Indio,California, as to his interest in the assignment. He has replied to the effect that he will accept it if arrangements can be made with his agency and he can arrive in Jidda by July when the dates ripen.

THE FOREIGN SERVICE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

April 12, 1953

TO: John A. Dunaway
Acting U. S. Director

FROM: W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

RE: Date Specialist

In accordance with the telegram (Wirom 578) of April 10, concerning Mr. Nixon, I am herewith submitting an 'Overseas Employee Request', Form TCA-17.

I shall appreciate this request being approved and forwarded to the TCA/W Personnel Office.

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Specialist

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April 10, 1953
Wirom 578

Nixon has not replied our inquiry. Sent TCA 17. Unable employ without security clearance.

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Notify soonest whether date specialist Nixon approved and will accept assignment. Services to be effective required by June one.

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TRANSLATION

The Honourable Director
Liaison Office for T.C.A.

Greetings! -

In reference to your letter No: 2/13/3 dated 3/7/72 to which is attached the letter of Mr. John Dunaway, Acting U. S. Director of T. C. A. asking for approval to call on a specialist in date farming for the improvement of the kinds of dates and methods of farming.

We, hereby, inform you that after referring the matter to H.E., the Minister of Finance, his order No. 5046 was issued on 11/7/72 giving country clearance for the forementioned specialist.

We would like, therefore, that Point 4 be accordingly informed.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy Minister of Finance

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

March 17, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Mr. John A. Dunaway, Acting U. S. Director of
Technical Cooperation in Saudi Arabia

RE: Request for Translation and Transmittal of
attached Letter to His Excellency Shaikh
Abdullah Sulaiman

It would be appreciated if you would arrange for the translation and transmittal of the attached letter to His Excellency Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman.

John A. Dunaway
Acting U. S. Director of
Technical Cooperation in
Saudi Arabia

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

March 17, 1953

Your Excellency:

Under the terms of the Agreement on Agriculture, certain technicians are provided for, with the further provision that other technicians may be employed by mutual agreement between the Government of Saudi Arabia and the United States of America. Since a technician on date culture is not specified in the above-named agreement, we request your approval of employing such a specialist for a limited period of about six months. We suggest further that the financial arrangements for this technician conform to the terms of the agreement for other technicians.

What we have in mind is for the date specialist to pay particular attention to the problem of improvement in varieties and methods of planting and cultivation, but not to duplicate the work of the FAO technician. We understand the best time to make a study of date culture is from about June 1 to December 1. We have reason to believe that we may secure the services of one of the foremost American experts in this field if we move promptly and we would therefore appreciate your favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency,

Very truly yours,

John A. Dunaway
Acting U. S. Director of
Technical Cooperation in
Saudi Arabia

His Excellency Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman,
Minister of Finance,
Jidda, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

March 15, 1953

In reply refer to:
Technical Cooperation
Administration,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Your Excellency:

It is recognized that dates are a very important crop in Saudi Arabia. And being interested in helping develop agricultural production standards wherever possible, Point 4 plans to work with farmers in their attempt to grow better dates for domestic and foreign consumption.

At present Point 4 is finding it difficult to recruit agricultural technicians for work in Saudi Arabia. However, some progress is being made, but it is very slow. Recently it has come to our attention that we can possibly obtain a date technician from our Southern California date experiment station to come here and begin work with date growers in Hofuf and later in other date-growing areas. His work, primarily, would be showing the farmers how to select and propagate the best varieties of dates. At the same time, we would want the date technician to train leading farmers, and Saudi agriculturists furnished by your Department of Agriculture so that they could carry on with a continuous program for improving date production standards.

The technician Point 4 wishes to bring to Saudi Arabia is Mr. Roy W. Nixon, date specialist at the U.S. Date Garden and Experiment Station, Indio, California. If this meets with your approval, we shall get in touch with Mr. Nixon and see if arrangement can be made for him to come here and begin this important work.

A reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Edens, Chief,
Agriculture Division.

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His Excellency Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman,
Minister of Finance,
Jidda, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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Recommend OWM request services Ray M. Nixon, date specialist, U. S. Date Garden, Indio, California, to make date variety study Saudi Arabia. Service begin soon as possible, but not later than June first and continue minimum six months. Request spot FBI investigation. Nixon previously indicated willingness make study.

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WJBtemp/L 3/12/53

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